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SUBJECT: SENATOR KENNEDY PRESS RELEASE ON ICRC PROGRAMS
IN INDOCHINA

REF: STATE 139622

1. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO ADD TO ITS FILE FOLLOWING TEXT OF
HA NOI RADIO COMMENT ON RELEASE CONVEYED IN REFTEL.

QUOTE.

HA NOI IN VIETNAMESE TO VIET-NAM 1115 GMT 28 JUN 74 S
(TEXT) ACCORDING TO THE U.S. NEWS AGENCY UPI, IN A SPEECH
DELIVERED BEFORE THE U.S. SENATE ON 27 JUNE, SENATOR EDWARD
KENNEDY CRITICIZED U.S. AMBASSADOR TO SAIGON MARTIN FOR
ADVOCATING THAT THE 2 MILLION IN AID GIVEN BY THE AMERICAN RED
CROSS TO THE VIETNAMESE AND INDOCHINESE PEOPLES THROUGH THE
INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS, BE HELD BACK IN ORDER TO DISPLAY THE
IRRITATION OF THE UNITED STATES OVER THE FACT THAT THE INTERNATIONAL
RED CROSS IS PLANNING TO INVITE THE PRGRSV TO ATTEND A
CONFERENCE OF RED CROSS ORGANIZATIONS FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES
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SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR. THE GOAL OF THE

AFOREMENTIONED CONFERENCE IS TO SEEK WAYS TO LIMIT THE USE OF VARIOUS TYPES OF WEAPONS THAT CAUSE INDISCRIMINATE DESTRUCTION AND MASS KILLING AND INFLICT UNNECESSARY PAIN AND SUFFERING ON MAN.

MARTIN WANTS TO RESORT TO THE MANEUVER OF HOLDING BACK \$2 MILLION IN U.S. AID TO CREATE PRESSURE IN AN ATTEMPT TO PREVENT THE PRGRSV FROM ATTENDING THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS CONFERENCE. THIS MANEUVER WAS DENOUNCED AND CONDEMNED BY SENATOR KENNEDY AS A PETTY FORM OF DIPLOMATIC THREAT.

SENATOR KENNEDY STRESSED THAT THIS ACTION BY MARTIN HAS ONCE AGAIN GIVEN RISE TO GRAVE PROBLEMS CONCERNING THE PERSONALITY OF THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO SAIGON. MARTIN IS THE ONE WHO SOMETIMW AGO URGED U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER TO WITHHOLD FROM SENATOR KENNEDY DETAILS CONCERNING U.S. AID TO SAIGON.

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